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SUBJECT: AGRARIAN UNION FORMALIZES LEADERSHIP CHANGES

1. DURING MEETING OCTOBER 30 SUPREME UNION COUNCIL OF NATIONAL AGRARIAN UNION ELECTED PETAR TANCHEV TO REPLACE ABSENT AND AILING GEORGI TRAYKOV AS SECRETARY OF AGRARIAN UNION. TANCHEV WAS FORMERLY A SECRETARY OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE. TRAYKOV WAS ELECTED TO A NEWLY CREATED POST AS CHAIRMAN. YANKO MARKOV AND ANGEL DIMITROV MOVED UP FROM MEMBERS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE TO BECOME SECRETARIES OF THAT UNIT. THEY WERE REPLACED AS MEMBERS BY PANDO VANCHEV AND PROFESSOR DIMITAR DIMITROV.

2. COMMENT: ELEVATION OF TRAYKOV TO STRICTLY HONORARY POSITION SPARED UNION EMBARRASSMENT OF ADMITTING TRAYKOV'S SENILITY, A CONDITION INCREASINGLY MORE EVIDENT. TANCHEV'S ELECTION AS SECRETARY SIMPLY MAKES OFFICIAL ALREADY EXISTING ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENT.

COUNCIL SESSION DID NOTHING TO RESTORE MYTH THAT UNION IS INDEPENDENT POLITICAL UNITY. TANCHEV PAID PROFUSE HOMAGE TO BCP AND ZHIVKOV, AND TO USSR. IN ADDITION, TRAYKOV WAS GLORIFIED BY TANCHEV WHO IN TURN RECEIVED HIS SHARE OF PRAISE FROM SUBORDINATES.

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